retired in April, 2002 and could not fully utilize the amount under MPLAD Scheme;

(b) the unutilized amount in each case; and

(c) how Government propose to disburse this money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) None.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Administrative/financial sanction for MPLADS fund

†1760. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the time taken in administrative and financial sanction after the recommendation made by MP for MP's Local Area Development Scheme and the criteria thereof;

(b) the number of District Collectors in the country who do not follow this criteria;

(c) the reasons for not following the criteria by the District Collectors of Dhaulpur and Bharatpur, and what action would be taken against these officers; and

(d) whether the District Officers are indulged in corruption in sanctioning MPLADS Fund, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Para 3.2 of the Guidelines on Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme Provides that, as far as possible, all sanctions for works should be accorded within 45 days from the date of receipt of a proposal from the Member of Parliament concerned.

(b) No instance of abnormal delay in according sanctions for MPLADS works has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) No report of undue delay in sanctioning of works under the MPLAD Scheme in the districts of Dhaulpur and Bharatpur has been received. As such, the question of taking action against any officer does not airse.

(d) No specific instance of corruption in sanctioning of MPLADS works has been reported.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.